

Model Timber Procurement Policy Statement

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_____’s [company name] goal is to purchase only timber and wood products from credibly certified, well managed forests and plantations or from verified recycled/reused sources by ____/____/____ [date – maximum of 3 years].

Implementation

- (1) _____ [company name], its constituent agencies, and its majority owned enterprises shall strongly preference credible third party certified sources such as FSC¹. The certificate shall ensure that all timber and wood products used, supplied or purchased have been lawfully obtained from recycled/reused sources, or forests or plantations that are managed to sustain their biodiversity, productivity, and ecological integrity, with no harm to other ecosystems, and with the free and informed consent of indigenous and forest dependent communities living in the source area.
- (2) _____ [company name] will phase out purchase of timber and wood products that cannot be credibly verified as from a legal source or legally traded. by ____/____/____ [date – maximum of 1 year].
- (3) Should certified timber or wood products not be available in the species/product specified, _____ [company name] or its agencies and enterprises will identify alternative certified species/products which are available and which meet the requirements.
- (4) Failing this, if no alternative credible certified species can be identified, non-certified timber and timber products may be accepted, with verified legality conditional upon agreement with the producer or the supplier in writing, of participation in a Stepwise or Modular approach with a maximum timetable for transition to becoming certified of three years.
- (5) In order to verify achievement of the above steps, _____ [company name] will establish a tracking system (chain of custody) that allows it to trace wood and its products back to the source forest management units.

¹ A credible certification scheme meets at least the following criteria: broad multi stakeholder support including NGOs, independent or third party, based on minimum performance based standards that are measured at the forest management unit level, transparent, is able to adapted to local conditions and accessible by all scales and types of forest operations, and is integrated with a chain of custody system. Currently, the FSC is the only credible global certification scheme.